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# The DAILY EASTERN NEWS

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STATE | REACTION

## Rose expects impeachment process to start

**Majority needed in the House to impeach Blagojevich**

By **STEPHEN DI BENEDETTO**  
News Editor

State Rep. Chapin Rose expects the resolution that begins the impeachment process of Gov. Rod Blagojevich to progress when the General Assembly meets for a new

session next week.

Rose, R-Mahomet, said the House Republican Caucus supports the resolution, but is unsure of the response from the House democrats.

He added House Speaker Michael Madigan, D-Chicago, agreed to meet with House Minority Leader Tom Cross, R-Oswego, to discuss impeachment proceedings.

"We can't wait on this," Rose said.

On Tuesday, the FBI arrested

Blagojevich and John Harris, Blagojevich's chief of staff, for charges related to political corruption. The federal prosecutors allege Blagojevich partook in numerous corrupt activities, including auctioning President-elect Barack Obama's vacant U.S. Senate seat for campaign contributions.

The resolution filed by Rose and other House Republicans would form a special investigative committee to research the feasibility of impeachment.

"This is the first step," Rose said about impeachment proceedings.

If the House approves the resolution, the committee would gather evidence and subpoena witnesses, Rose said. He added the committee would then vote on a formal recommendation about whether or not Blagojevich should be impeached. The recommendation then is sent to the House. A simple majority is needed in the House for impeachment, Rose said.

This process was used in 1997

with Illinois Supreme Court Justice James Heiple, Rose said. Heiple was accused of using his influence to get out of traffic tickets. Heiple's term ended in 2000.

If the House votes to impeach Blagojevich, the Senate would then conduct a trial and afterwards vote on whether or not to convict the governor. A two-thirds majority vote in the Senate is needed for impeachment.

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ACADEMICS | TIPS

## Final exams bring stress

By **WIL LYONS**  
Staff Reporter

With final exams less than a week away and final projects being due already, student stress could climb to insurmountable heights.

Ryan Messinger, health education coordinator for the Health Education Resource Center, said stress could come from a number of sources.

"It may be the fact that they have large projects coming due, are nervous about taking an exam that may greatly impact their overall grade, feeling overwhelmed with all the studying that will need to be done, or perhaps simply the realization that the semester has flown by," Messinger said.

He added stress could manifest in a number of different ways ranging from emotional reactions to physical symptoms such as sweating, trouble sleeping or even increased blood pressure. One of the most severe effects of stress is the toll it takes on the immune system – lowering the body's natural defenses against illness.

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ACADEMICS | WRITING

## EWP server faces difficulty

By **KRISTINA PETERS**  
Editor in Chief

Students may have experienced a few problems when submitting their Electronic Writing Portfolios because of technical difficulties with the server, but steps are being taken to fix the problems.

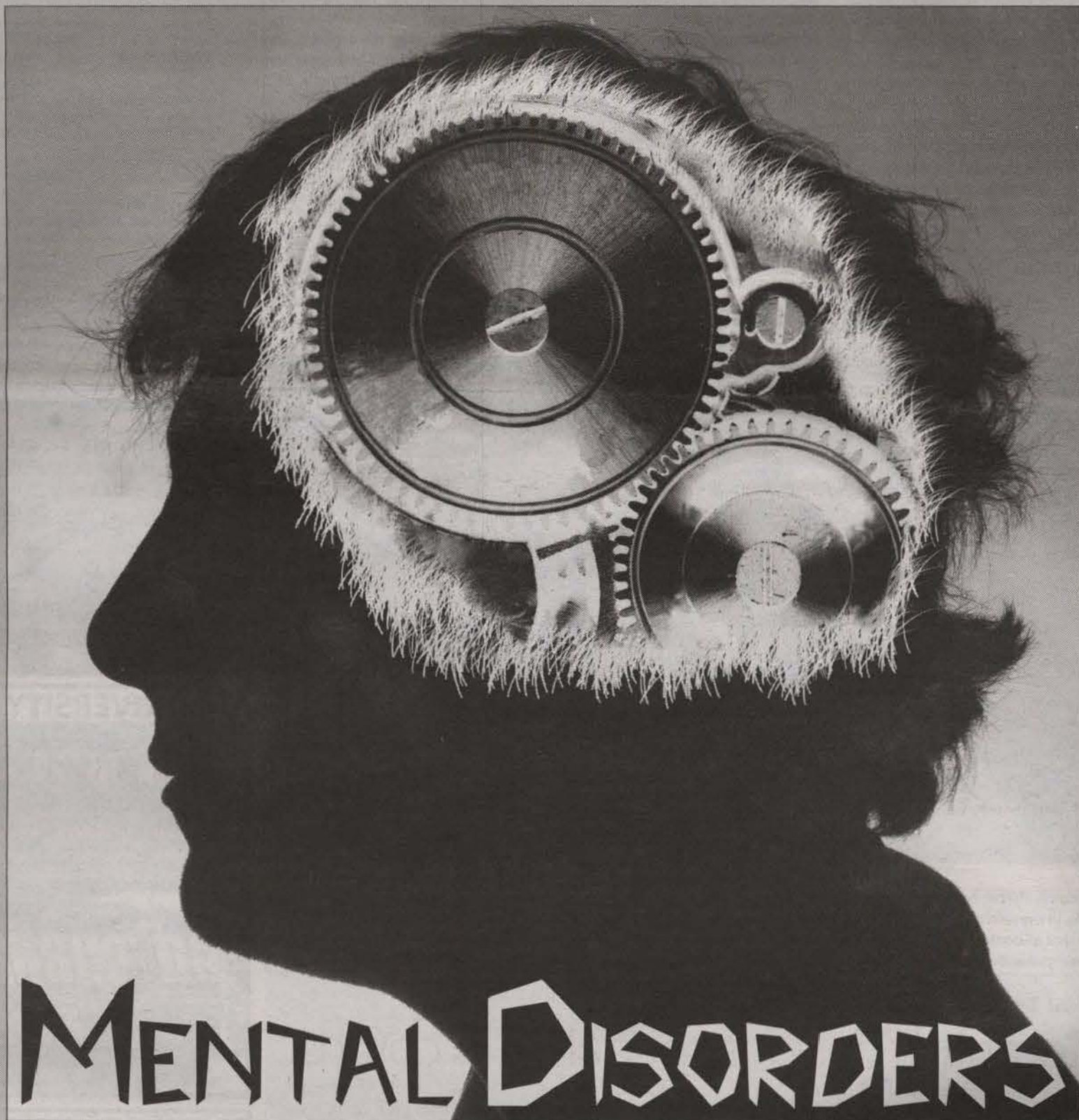
Kathy Reed, the associate director of Information Technology Services, said graduate students have not been allowed to access the application and no one was allowed to access the application for about two hours nightly because a data source used with the EWP application is being rebuilt.

Students who have been admitted to graduate school have also not been able to access the application.

Reed said the server has been modified to allow students who have been admitted to graduate school for next semester to access the application.

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UNIVERSITY | HEALTH



## MENTAL DISORDERS

ROBBIE WROBLEWSKI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

## common among students

**Counseling Center available for help with 24-hour emergency services**

By **BRITTNI GARCIA**  
Campus Editor

Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs, believes Eastern has highly trained professional counselors that offer adequate treatment for students in the Counseling Center.

"We have a team of highly trained and licensed counselors and health care professionals," Nadler said. "We offer educational programming, assess-

ments, counseling and support services, and 24-hour-a-day emergency services."

According to InsideHigherEd.com, following the shooting at Virginia Tech in 2007, people now believe there are more mental health disorders among college students. Treatment for these disorders such as psychiatric, personality and substance abuse are not commonly provided to students, according to the higher education Web site. InsideHigherEd.com included a study from The Archives of General Psychiatry in its article.

The survey concluded non-college students are as likely to get a mental disorder and unlikely to seek treatment.

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## EIU WEATHER

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
 29° 20° Chance of Flurries NW 5-15	 40° 35°	 51° 33°

## WEATHER BRIEF

Cold start to the weekend with a chance of flurries. Expect warmer temperatures for Saturday with gusty winds. Sunday will be much warmer with a chance of rain before changing over to freezing rain late Sunday night.

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## ENTERTAINMENT | A DAILY LOOK

## WALL-E director celebrates a week of kudos

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Hollywood's most famous trash compactor continued his journey from the dump to the Oscars.

The robot star of "WALL-E" will roll the red carpet at the Golden Globes, now that the Disney/Pixar animated film secured nominations for animated feature and original song.

That likely means rubbing elbows — are those technically elbows? — with this awards season's hottest celebs, including Brad Pitt, who'd do well to avoid a red-carpet throw-down with the little 'bot, "WALL-E" director Andrew Stanton joked Thursday.

"Well, you know, Brad would look better after the fight," he said. "But WALL-E is pretty sturdy. He's lasted 700 years. So, there's longevity there."

The Globe nominations come

just a day after "WALL-E" was nominated for the Los Angeles Film Critics Association biggest prize: best picture. That group is just one among many suggesting "WALL-E" deserves to break out of the animated block at the Academy Awards.

A best-picture Oscar isn't a notion Stanton, 43, is yet prepared to seriously consider.

"Who thinks that's going to happen in their life?" he said. "Who even thinks they're going to get make a movie, no less that it'll end up in the category of just five select films?"

## Aniston poses nude on January cover of GQ

NEW YORK — Jennifer Aniston wears a tie — and nothing else — on the January cover of GQ magazine.

The 39-year-old actress strips down and shows off her toned body next to the headline: "Is it just us or is Jennifer Aniston getting hotter?"

Joking about the relentless media

coverage of herself, ex-husband Brad Pitt and Pitt's partner Angelina Jolie, Aniston tells the magazine: "The funny thing is that people don't realize we all go away to the Hamptons on the weekends."

## Usher welcomes second son

NEW YORK — Usher has gotten an early holiday gift — a second son.

The 29-year-old singer and his wife, Tameka, are celebrating the birth of Naviyd Ely Raymond. The infant arrived early Wednesday, weighing 5 pounds, 13 ounces.

A statement from the couple released Thursday read: "Tameka and the baby are doing fine."

This is the second child for the couple, who were married in August 2007. Their first boy, Usher Raymond V, was born last November.

Tameka Raymond has three children from a previous marriage.

## PHOTO OF THE DAY

## Checking the stacks



KAROLINA STRACK | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

During his shift at Booth library Kyle Prouse, junior environmental biology major, sits on the ground as he checks books in the reference section of the library on Thursday afternoon. The process called shelf reading is used to make sure that all books are in the correct order and have not been put back in the incorrect spot. The Booth Library remains a busy spot as finals approach and students beginning to feel the crunch of completing papers and final projects.

## WHAT THE... | WEIRD, UNEXPECTED, BIZARRE NEWS

## Company designs special PETA coffins

The Associated Press

EDGEWOOD, N.M. — For animal rights activists, sticking up for furry or feathered critters is a way of life. Now it can be a way of death, too.

A New Mexico company is building all-wood human coffins in a partnership with People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. They bear painted slogans, such as "Lifetime PETA Member" or "I saved 500 animals."

Another serves up a last laugh that plays on a long-running PETA advertisement: "Told You I Wouldn't Be Caught Dead in Fur!"

The coffins, which went on sale last week, are priced from \$620 to \$670, which includes a \$75 PETA contribution. Made of wood, they are designed to be Earth-friendly, with no screws, nails, hinges or animal-based glues.

They are assembled by Dienna Genther, 44, a former construction worker from Bellingham, Wash., who operates a company called The Old Pine Box in

rural Edgewood, about 30 miles east of Albuquerque. She began handcrafting coffins from pine, cedar, maple and other woods in 2004.

When initially contacted, Genther thought PETA wanted to discuss marketing coffins for pets. Her company builds those, too.

"But then they sent the designs, the classic toe-pincher style, and I realized they wanted human coffins," she recalled. "I told them, 'We can do it.'"

Genther is not a PETA member but, "I support their cause."

Michael McGraw, a PETA spokesman in New York, said the organization has about 2 million members and supporters, suggesting there are plenty of potential customers for PETA-themed coffins.

"We expect a healthy interest," he said. "It's the best way for people to continue to use their voice for animals in death."

While some designs might seem irreverent, the PETA coffins aren't unusual, Genther said.

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CAMPUS | EVENT

# Students display works of art

"The Vehicle" publishes artwork, writings during fall semester

By JESSICA LEGGIN  
Activities Editor

Justin Sudkamp, a senior English major, decided to write a poem after an experience he encountered at his job in Booth Library while sitting at the security desk.

"One day I was looking at the screen, and I see this woman who had a baby strapped to her back," he said. "Then I see a little black girl bouncing across the (camera) screen."

Sudkamp said the woman who was carrying the baby was white, and she placed her head on the girl's head that was running around. Sudkamp also said the baby was black.

"And I knew I just had to write this down," he said.

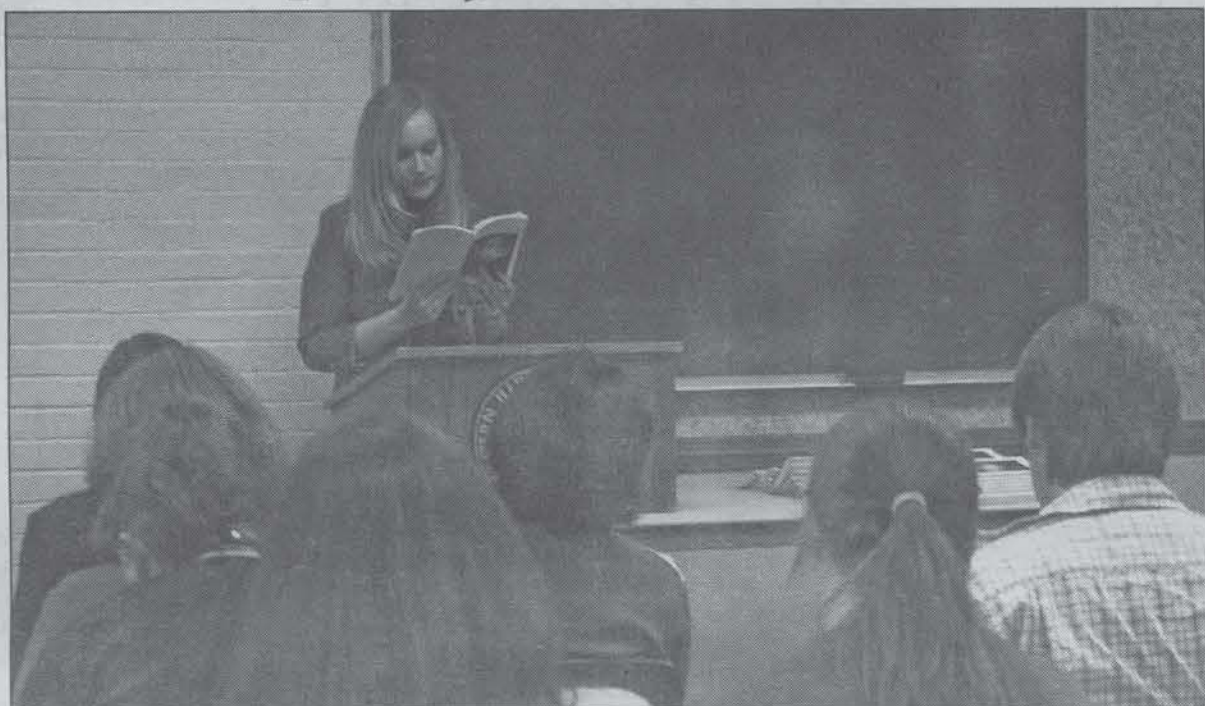
Sudkamp shared his poem about interracial couples and families with students and faculty along with others at "The Vehicle" reading event Thursday night in the Effingham Room of the Martin Luther King Student Union. During the year, students are encouraged to submit their works of art such as prose, poetry and photographs to possibly be published in "The Vehicle," Eastern's literary magazine.

Letitia Moffitt, faculty adviser for "The Vehicle," said the reading event is a relatively new event.

"We are trying to get greater publicity for the journal and to connect to the university and community," she said. "We also want to try to go outside of the English department."

Moffitt said "The Vehicle" publication comes out once a semester.

"We send out announcements every semester, and we put ads out," she said.



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Senior English and psychology major Amanda Veale reads her poem "Seeking Artichoke, Call Me" from "The Vehicle" in the Effingham Room at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union on Thursday.

"We are actively trying to find new ways to get the word out."

All submissions given to "The Vehicle" are anonymous, and then the best are handpicked by a team that is put together by the organization.

After the different works of art are picked for the publication, the authors are revealed and published in the literary magazine.

Rebecca Griffith, editor-in-chief for "The Vehicle," said there are some things the magazine looks for when picking different pieces.

"We look for originality, writing strong in imagery and creativity," the senior English major said. "I know that is kind of broad, but it is hard to give a rubric. All of the work submitted is so different, and each has its own strength to offer."

Sudkamp said the reason why he decided to write his poem because he feels some people still have problems with interracial relationships whether the situation shows up within families or between two people.

"My parents always told me that people are different but they are no better, nor worse, just different," he said. "I was trying to get across that this girl is going to grow up and be somebody and she is no different than anyone else."

During the program, Glen Davis, an English graduate student, was recognized for winning a chapbook of his work published.

In 2007, Sigma Tau Delta and "The Vehicle" staff started the chapbook contest that offered Vehicle award winners a chance to have their works published

in a small volume.

Davis said in the beginning he was not interested in sharing his works.

"I really don't write for other people," he said. "That's why I was a little surprised that I won."

Davis said he now encourages people should share their works with others.

"You have to share in order to know how good you are," he said.

Griffith said students should submit work they have done whether it is prose, creative writing, poetry or photography.

"They can list this on their resume as being published," she said. "It opens up lots of possibilities."

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ADMINISTRATION | FACULTY

## Research questions part-time faculty use

Provost believes results of a national study do not relate to Eastern

By BOB BAJEK  
Staff Reporter

Part-time instructors are detrimental to student success, according to a national study, but that appears not to be the case with Eastern.

In a Nov. 14 Chronicle of Higher Education article, Paul D. Umbach, professor of adult and higher education at North Carolina State University, found in his study that for each 10 percent of credits taken with part-time faculty members, a student's success rate falls by 2 percent.

An average student loses an 8 percent chance of finishing a degree with an average of 40 percent of credits obtained through part-time instructors, according to the study. Umbach has stated he attempted to show the lack of support universities give to part-time instructors.

Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said this does not apply to Eastern.

"I do not think it would be appropriate for me to infer that the findings of the Umbach study would apply to Eastern," Lord said. "Our departments, however, take great care to hire well qualified part-time faculty when such faculty are necessary to deliver the curriculum."

According to the Common Data report for the 2008-09 school year, Eastern has 157 part-time instructors. That number accounts for 19.5 percent of total faculty members.

Economics professor Ahmed Abou-Zaid said it makes more economic sense for universities to hire part-time faculty members.

"From an economics side, it is to save money," Abou-Zaid said. "You see the tight financial positions of the federal and state contributions to the state universities. That's why part-time faculty is higher in years past."

In 1970, there was 22 percent of part-time faculty in universities. That percentage has increased to 46 percent, according to The Chronicle of Higher Education.

Abou-Zaid said if a part-time instructor does an exemplary job, he or she should receive incentives.

Lord said Eastern does not offer monetary incentives to part-timers. He added part-time faculty members working less than 50 percent of their time at Eastern are not covered by the collective bargaining agreement.

"Hence, contractual incentives are not available to them," Lord said. "The basic incentive is the desire to do a good job for the students as well as the desire to be re-employed in a subsequent semester."

Richard Wandling, political science department chair, worked 25 years ago as a part-time faculty member at Miami University of Ohio and Indiana University while finishing his doctorate.

"In my case, it was a positive experience," Wandling said.

He added the opportunity allowed

him to practice on his teaching skills and to interact with students he would not be able to interact in the traditional professor, student relationship.

Wandling said he, however, does not support an over-reliance on part-time instructors.

"There is a problem in creating a working area where you have people who are qualified to teach at four-year institutions, but the way they stay employed is cobbling together various other institutions," Wandling said.

He added these instructors could not devote enough time to help students because they spend a significant time on the road traveling, which detracts time for class preparation and availability to students outside of class.

Abou-Zaid said he does not see any problems with student success and part-timers. He thinks teaching performance depends if the instructor wants to stay.

"Sometimes when they are in between jobs, they don't care as much," he said.

Lord said the full-time faculty and department chairs could assist part-time faculty, if they are feeling stressed or struggling to prepare for classes. He added other departments, like faculty development, are also available.

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CAMPUS | MEETING

## Student Supreme Court holds its first meeting

By HEATHER HOLM  
Student Government Editor

Student Supreme Court had its first meeting Thursday night at Booth Library.

Things such as what court cases to take and getting news out to the student body were discussed at the meeting.

"We are there for those cases where justice have not been served," Adviser Ken Baker said. "We are more of a consideration than the deciding body."

Jacob Griffin, chief justice of Student Supreme Court, said the court would need decide what cases are valid.

John Hamilton, associate justice of Student Supreme Court, said the most important aspect is deciding if a student actually needs the court.

"We are going to do it the same way as the regular United States Supreme Court," Hamilton said. "We will see if a case is worth hearing."

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## CAMPUS BRIEFS

### Water bill deadlines during break

On Dec. 21, off-campus students who reside in Section 1 of the water-billing district will receive their water bills, which will be due for payment on Jan. 7. Section 2 residents will receive their bills on Dec. 30, which will be due for payment on Jan. 14.

Students can pay their bills online for free by going to [www.charlestonillinois.org](http://www.charlestonillinois.org). To get a bill balance, students can call 345-8420. Students can also pay early by putting money down in their account at City Hall or pay by phone at 1-877-ILL-EPAY.

### Health Service member receives award

Eric Davidson, associate director of health service, won an outstanding alumni award at the BACCHUS General Assembly conference in early November.

Davidson, who has worked at Eastern since 1996, has overseen the expansion of the Health Service's health promotion efforts, advised several student groups and Alpha Phi Omega.

The award is given each year to an individual who has served as peer educators or affiliate advisers in the past.

### Booth Library to change hours during break

Booth Library will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Dec. 22 to 23 and Dec. 29 to 30. The library will close on Dec. 24 through Dec. 28, and Dec. 31 through Jan. 4.

Faculty may call the dean's office at 581-6061 for admission to use the collection on Dec. 24 and 31.

The library will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday during the first week of January. Regular library hours will resume on Jan. 11.

- City Editor Krystal Moya and News Editor Stephen Di Benedetto

## ON CAMPUS

### TODAY

**UB Movie: Burning After Reading**

**Time** | 7 p.m.

**Location** | Buzzard Auditorium

**More info** | 815-543-2052

**Up All Night: Adrenaline Rush**

**Time** | 8 p.m.

**Location** | MLK Jr. Union

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In Thursday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, Lovell's Shoe Repair was misspelled in an online teaser.

The DEN regrets the error.

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## Other views on news

### NOT ANOTHER KENNEDY!

**Harvard**—What's not to love about Caroline B. Kennedy? From the iconic photograph of her toddler self dancing in the Oval Office for her father—the president—to her op-ed in *The New York Times* last year in which she endorsed Barack Obama, the inspiration behind Neil Diamond's "Sweet Caroline" has never failed to charm the American public. From first daughter to behind-the-scenes advocate for education to best-selling author, Kennedy has played many roles in the last half-century.

She might soon play another one—New York's junior senator. According to a variety of media outlets, that state's governor David Paterson is considering appointing Kennedy to the seat Sen. Hillary Clinton will give up in January for her new post at the State Department.

But such an appointment would be unwise, and not for any reason concerning Kennedy's political experience or character, which are both above reproach. Frankly, if she is named to the position, the country will be forced into yet another cycle of dynastic politics, in which celebrated surnames, rather than achievements, earn positions of authority.

At heart, the American political process is about opening positions of leadership to all, not to a select few born into an aristocratic family. As a nation, we rely on underdogs to revitalize the status quo, and we thrive on dynamism and perpetual regeneration. Ironically, that was a large part of the appeal of John F. Kennedy in 1960. But another Sen. Kennedy—especially a temporarily unelected one—would only serve to reinforce the already daunting monolithic nature of her family name, perhaps overshadowing what she might accomplish in office.

I concede that there's nothing about Caroline Kennedy herself that should worry or anger many New York voters—if anything, quite the opposite is true. In other words, after too many years of dynastic politics, this country has to draw the line. Even with "Sweet Caroline."

*Harvard Crimson*

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## Drawn from the News | Dylan Polk



## STAFF EDITORIAL

# Help us improve, mentally

Many people say high school and college will be the best times of our lives. However, that cannot be more wrong. Yes, partying is more socially acceptable during these times, but our mental maturity and founding values are still developing.

More than a dozen students can be seen in the Cyber Lounge in the 7th Street Underground or the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union or in the Greg Triad computing lab at any point of the day or night stressing over final exams. Not to mention the social lives we have now would put some of our parents in their graves when they were our ages.

Sex has become more acceptable in today's society and often becomes a place of weakness for certain people. Drug and alcohol abuse is not only funny in the media, but also prevalent in certain high school and college demographics.

Some students work full-time jobs while taking 15 to 18 credit hours per semester, which leads to intense forms of stress. There are even college students who are raising children while going to school and holding a part-time job.

Being a college student in today's world is not easy, and we deserve more help from our schools.

While we struggle in daily dilemmas, those decisions often build our core values and set precedence for when we have to make similar choices in the future. There is nothing wrong with struggling to do the right thing, get the best grades or find the best-suited job. We're in college to learn how to become well-rounded individuals, and how you live your life contributes to how productive you are at the jobs you're working toward.

Asking for help can make a world of difference. Scheduling an appointment with the Counseling Center doesn't make you any less of a person. Everyone needs guidance or a mature person to talk through a situation with from time-to-time.

Many fears have also arisen about campus safety relating to mental health.

According to InsideHigherEd.com, following the shooting at Virginia Tech in 2007, people now believe there are more mental health disorders among college students.

Treatment for these disorders such as psychiatric, personality and substance abuse are not commonly provided to students, according to the higher education Web site.

But whether it is a disorder or seasonal depression, options are available for Eastern students, but definitely need improved upon.

According to a 2004 survey by the American College Health Association, nearly half of all college students report feeling so depressed at some point in time that they have trouble functioning, and 14.9 percent meet the criteria for clinical depression.

Suicide is the third leading cause of death for those aged 15-24, according to the American Psychiatric Association, and the second leading cause of death of college students.

Since 2006, Eastern has added two full-time counselor positions, increased the hours of part-time psychiatrists, increased the graduate intern staff and increased outreach efforts.

"These initiatives have been extremely success-

## OUR VIEW

- **Situation:** Many facilities for treating mental health on Illinois college campuses lack funding or training.
- **Stance:** Mental strain is normal and some have psychiatric needs. More funding must be acquired to provide students with needed support.

ful as demonstrated by a significant increase in the number of our students visiting the Counseling Center," said Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs.

The counseling center saw 779 students during the 2005-06 academic year, which was more than 515 students during the 2004-05 year. These figures are drastically up from that of 10 years ago when staffing in the center was relatively similar.

However, many students go without help. While Eastern has some initiative, the whole higher education system needs to improve its efforts toward improving students' mental health.

One of the few positive things Gov. Rod Blagojevich has done for higher education was commissioning the Campus Safety and Mental Health Taskforce, which had a large component about the state of counseling assistance provided on college campuses in Illinois.

Of the 72 surveyed colleges, only 10 (13.8 percent) reported having campus counseling services at extensive availability, while 41 (56.9 percent) of the institutions reported having moderate availability.

Furthermore, 59 institutions (81.9 percent) reported having crises response teams, 39 institutions (54.1 percent) reported having threat assessment teams and 39 institutions (54.1 percent) reported having emergency review teams.

These figures are startling. Most of the institutions that reported being unprepared are community college campuses, and many representatives from both community colleges and universities reported having conflicts with their decision-making processes because of FERPA liabilities.

This clearly indicates a need for an improved support structure for students who are choosing to better themselves by getting educated.

However, some positives were also reported: 65 institutions (90.2 percent) reportedly do not charge students fees upon utilizing the counseling center, 59 institutions (81.9 percent) reported not having a waiting list for students in-need.

The taskforce had repeated suggestions for increased financial support to mental health facilities on campuses. We agree, and not because there's any kind of epidemic, but because society seems to be finally accepting indisputable traits that are not the fault of anyone.

How are people supposed to function in society and contribute to a job at their peak efficiency when they struggle just being themselves? We're working hard day in and day out to become educated enough to become the next leaders of this world, but person discontent or a lack of personal trust can limit our abilities.

Yes, keep the doors to our university open is a big enough problem to handle right now, but increasing financial support and resources toward improving students' mental health is crucial.



**CHARLES KYLE**

# Tell the truth, don't be afraid

Tell the truth and don't be afraid. Those are the words that sit in the top right corner of this publication. Valiant words aren't they? The type of words one would have expected our forefathers to say.

But can one really tell the truth and not be afraid? In today's socially sensitive world, telling the truth is just not acceptable at all. I mean, Can you imagine if someone would have honestly discussed issues that our country was blind-sighted by?

Imagine if someone would have said that the Iraq war was about oil and not about finding weapons of mass destruction. They would have been stripped of all their credibility, called a radical and been accused of being unpatriotic.

Even if someone questioned the start of the war period: how DID we go looking for Osama Bin Laden in Afghanistan, invade a totally different country in Iraq and then come back with Saddam Hussein as a trophy?

But I'm going to speak on some issues here at Eastern that I have observed.

And in doing so I am going to do something that we all say we can do but in reality, know that we can't. Tell the truth and don't be afraid.

First, I would like to address this whole "going green" policy Eastern has in regard to the water bottles that students now receive. I feel as if this is nothing but a ploy to cut cost and look good while doing it.

Furthermore, the bottles do not even fit under some of the machines in the dining halls. In a survey, I discovered that a whopping 60 percent of students said they did not like the water bottles. What was my surveying technique one might ask? I used the same surveying technique used by the University Board to come up with the statistical data about how Ben Folds beat out both Lupe Fiasco and T-Pain for the spring concert (Facebook).

That leads to my second observation: how in the world did Ben Folds win a popularity contest against two mainstream artists with widespread commercial success and crossover appeal? I feel as if Folds is whom the University Board members want to see, and that the "random" survey was not really random.

Lastly, I have come to the sad truth that Eastern clearly underestimates the intelligence of its students. The administration would have to view us as Neanderthals to think we don't realize everything we purchase on campus is ridiculously over-priced.

A pack of gum cost \$1.48 in the Panther Pantry, but that same pack cost 85 cents at Wal-Mart.

We should take it as a slap in the face by the university if it doesn't think we realize the differences in the prices.

As this semester comes to an end, I would like to encourage students to not be afraid to tell the truth, because as the old saying goes, "those who stand for nothing will fall for anything."

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» EWP  
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"The only seniors affected were those who had already been admitted to EIU's graduate school for next semester," Reed said.

"However, the solution for that situation was implemented this morning so they are no longer affected."

As for EWP being down about two hours nightly, Reed said ITS is in the process of changing the program to use a different data source that should allow more accessibility.

Harvey said that it has not affected students who are trying to submit their EWPs before they graduate this semester.

The server was down from about 8:13 p.m. to 11:36 p.m. Wednesday night and about 10 p.m. Saturday according to Danny Harvey, technology coordinator for the Center for Academic Technology Support.

"It's potentially only a problem in the evenings," Harvey said.

Harvey said the problems with the EWP server have not affected students trying to submit their EWPs for this semester.

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CAMPUS | GOVERNMENT

Speaker talks of next semester

Senate Speaker elected at Student Senate meeting

By HEATHER HOLM  
Student Government Editor

Drew Griffin won the Student Senate Speaker position for the spring.

The announcement was made at Wednesday's Student Senate meeting.

He was appointed to the senate this semester and has been the chair of the external relations committee as well.

"He was an excellent candidate, and I think he will be a great speaker," Student Body President Levi Bulgar said. "Even though I backed (Student Senate member) Paul Reid,

I think Drew will do a good job."

Reid was the other candidate for Student Senate Speaker.

Bulgar said Griffin has already proved himself in Student Senate by starting up the committee on constitutional review.

"He will be able to lead the senate," Bulgar said. "Plus, he already knows parliamentary procedure."

Bulgar said usually the two candidates for the position both talk about their past experience and why they think they would be a good student senate speaker.

"They outline their goals and how they will accomplish them," Bulgar said.

Griffin said he laid out his platform, which included wanting to make Student Government more visible on campus, get appointments done within the fifth week of

the semester and continue work on revising the constitution.

Griffin said he thinks that if he gets out the word quickly and sticks to a timeline with interviewing, the goal of getting appointments done within the first five weeks of the semester could be accomplished.

"Next semester, the senate should be able to achieve a lot for the students," Griffin said. "A lot of (senate members) are willing to do hard work, and I am confident that we will have excellent appointees."

Griffin won the position by a vote of 13-5-2.

"We are going to be going into next semester on a positive note," Bulgar said. "I am excited to work with him."

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» Impeach

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Rose said Blagojevich should resign, but added he has made no indication of doing so.

"I don't know what else we can do (except) impeach the guy," he said.

The state has many important issues to resolve, such as higher education, Rose said. He added if Blago-

jevich remains in power, nothing is going to get fixed.

"Nothing is going to happen until this is over with," Rose said.

Federal prosecutors have accused Blagojevich of many corrupt activities, all detailed in a 76-page criminal complaint.

Rose believes the one allegation made on Blagojevich that trumped them all was the selling of the Senate seat.

He added the one allegation that

baffled him the most was Blagojevich trying to get *The Chicago Tribune* editorial board fired.

Rose said the audacity of Blagojevich's alleged shakedowns was amazing.

The scope of his shakedowns was stunning, he added.

"This makes George Ryan look like a choir boy," Rose said.

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» Stress

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Dealing with stress once it has already begun to take effect can vary upon the person. Messenger said allotting time to do what a student enjoys could have great effects.

One widely held belief is exercising reduces stress.

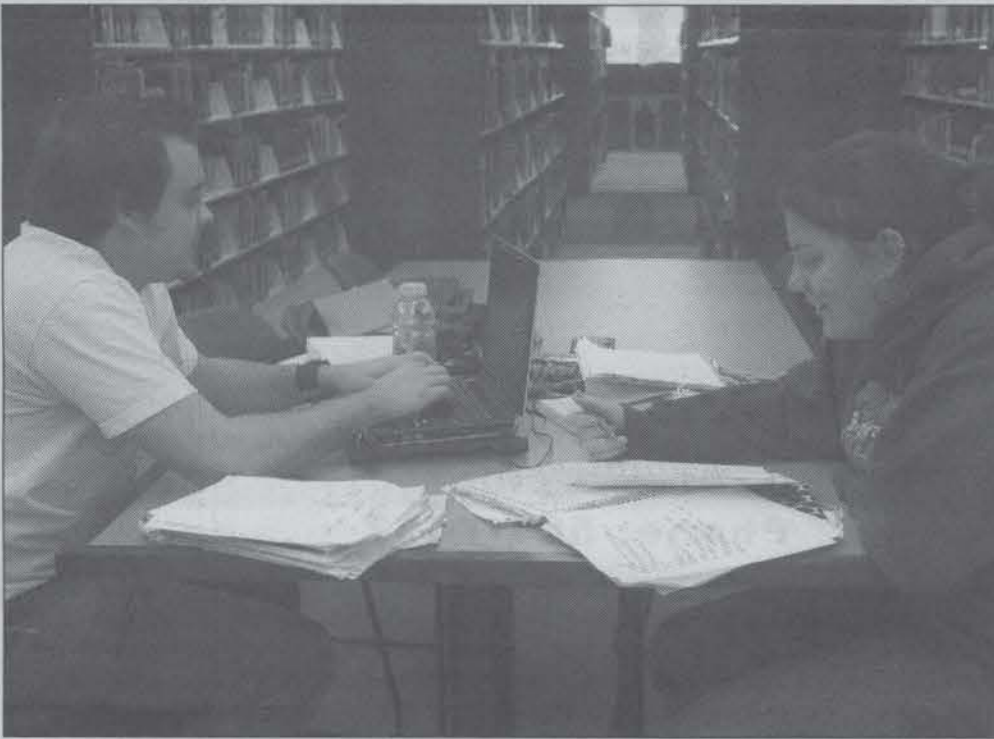
In a 2001 report from the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, David C. Nieman, at the Appalachian State University Department of Health and Exercise Science, said by doing moderate exercise, several positive changes occur in the immune system.

Messenger said the best way to combat stress is not to procrastinate. "It is best to absorb information over the course of several days or weeks instead of cramming a large amount of information in a very short time," he said.

Eric Davidson, associate director of Health Service, said getting sleep will also help reduce stress. "Getting good quantity and quality sleep is one of the best steps an individual can take to reduce stress and anxiety, improve quality of life, and positively impact academic performance," he said.

He added, for finals, students should get at least eight hours of sleep, maintain a consistent sleep schedule and work out every day. Also for a healthy finals week, students should not consume caffeine, alcohol or nicotine within several hours before going to bed, Davidson said.

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KELSEY KARSTRAND | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Senior economics major Matthew Green and senior sociology major Kristen Savantos study for final exams in Booth Library on Thursday afternoon.

» Mental

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According to the survey, college students account for 45 percent of having any psychiatric diagnosis out of 5,000 students, while 47.7 percent of them were non-college students. As for personality disorders, college students are at 17.7 percent, while non-college students are at 21.6 percent.

Since 2006, Eastern has added two full-time counselor positions, increased the hours of part-time psychiatrists, increased the graduate intern staff and increased outreach efforts. "These initiatives have been extremely successful as demonstrated by a significant increase in the number of our students visiting the Counseling Center," Nadler said.

Sandy Cox, director of the Counseling Center, did not reply to e-mail and phone inquiries.

Nadler said Eastern's staffing level is consistent with institutions of similar size as Eastern.

Michael Illovsky, associate director/coordinator of the Testing Assessment and Career Counseling at Western Illinois University, said Western has a professional staff willing to offer students assistance. He, however, believes Western's resources are limited.

"We are trained better than people in our community," Illovsky said. "Our resources are limited, although we have the training, we are not set up for more substantial psychiatric cases." Because the Western campus does not have 24-hour assistance in the counseling center, students are limited to where to seek help after hours.

Illovsky said the center directs students to off-campus locations that include hospitals and health centers where the university bus system will take them for free when they feel they need help.

"But students like to stay with the counseling center because it's free and on campus," Illovsky said. "They know we are good and convenient."

Western also has 10 full-time counselors and a part-time psychiatrist that is in the office on Wednesdays. When students have less complicated cases, they are directed toward physicians, but when there are complicated cases, counselors direct them to the psychiatrist, Illovsky said. Eastern provides service to more than 600 students every year and is open Monday through Friday. The Counseling Center is located on the first floor of the Human Service building.

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ERIN MATHENY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Student body President Levi Bulgar speaks to the Apportionment Board about his experience at the Conference of Student Government Associations in College Station, Texas, at their meeting Thursday night in the Arcola/Tuscola room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

## CAMPUS | MEETING

# Bulgar asks for travel funds

By **HEATHER HOLM**  
Student Government Editor

Student Body President Levi Bulgar presented information at Thursday night's Apportionment Board meeting on the Conference on Student Government Associations, which will take place at Texas A&M University from Feb. 28 to March 3.

Student Senate members Mike Hilty, Jarrod Scherle, Tyson Holder, Drew Griffin and Isaac Sandidge will attend the conference. Last year, only four members attended.

"Last year, it felt rushed with only four people," said AB Chair Tiffany Turner. "If the work got to be too much to handle, then the extra person could help with the stress."

Turner and Bulgar both attended the

conference last year.

Student Government asked Apportionment Board for \$7,000 for airfare, lodging, per diem expenses and fleet costs.

In the past, members of Student Government have brought back ideas from COSGA.

Some ideas from COSGA include the Student Action Team, Panther Service Day, First Night and Float for a Cause.

This is when Student Senate members provide root beer floats to the student body in exchange for their opinions.

The \$7,000 proposal passed Apportionment Board with an 8-1 vote.

The five Student Senate members that were chosen were picked based on their merits.

"We had a general application process open for two weeks," Bulgar said. "Then, Tiffany and I sat down with the senators

who submitted applications and asked them questions such as what they would take from the conference and how much time they had left on senate."

Bulgar said a lot of students viewed COSGA as a free trip and Bulgar said this was not the case.

"They are working and representing us," Bulgar said.

Turner said there was an application and interview process where Student Senate members were asked their qualifications.

AB member Mike Mulvaney said he voted for the conference because it seemed to have worked well in the past.

"Any opportunity for student development is important," he said.

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## CAMPUS | MEETING

## Increase in room and board rates possible for next year

Prices for 2009  
are up 13 percent

By **SAMANTHA WILMES**  
Staff Reporter

Mark Hudson, director of housing and dining services, brought the housing and dining budget to the attention of the Residence Hall Association at Thursday's meeting.

Hudson handed out sheets to RHA members to discuss the change of expenses for students and com-

mittees.

Hudson said due to the increase in minimum wage, food costs, housing and dining is looking at increasing room and board rates.

"Utilities cost is going to increase 13 percent next year and we encourage conservation because it is very critical," Hudson said.

Hudson brought up surveys that were sent to students to evaluate housing and dining stating,

"Ninety-three percent satisfaction from students meeting many students needs," he said.

In addition to the meeting, Alison Burge, national committee coordinator/Illinois communication coordinator, said the Illinois Residence Hall Association is taking bids for awards for the entire state.

Burge told members Eastern is in the running for school of the year and program of the year for IRHA.

Burge encouraged members of RHA to nominate someone.

"RHA has more insight on who helps out, whoever is very supportive in halls or in RHA would be best," she said.

Members collected the boxes from all the residence halls for the Shoe Box Toy Drive, which encouraged students to donate.

RHA President Justin Schuch thanked the group who put together a shoebox.

"It's an awesome turnout and it's really going to make a difference in people's holidays," he said.

At the end of the meeting, there was the "Teamwork Day-o-Fun."

Schuch said the event was for everyone to help put together final exam kits for students that parents

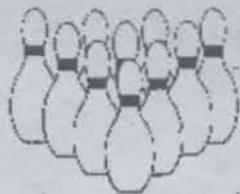
bought.

There were 450 kits bought by parents for their students which Schuch said is really good amount.

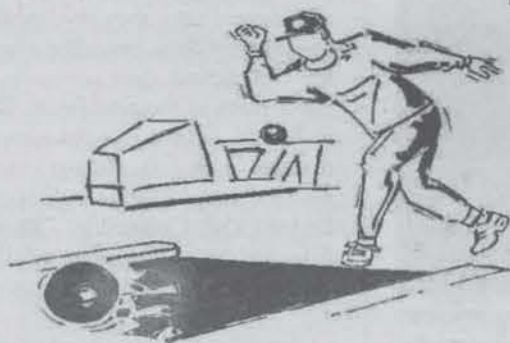
Those who stayed were there to help unwrap the gifts for the students and then rewrap them to send out. The same task is done for the welcome kits for students coming in for the new school year bought by their parents.

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ERINMATHENY | ON THE VERGE

Comedian Chad Daniels performs in the 7th Street Underground during the Up All Night: Ultimate Fun Overload event Aug. 22. University Board will host its second Up All Night of the semester. It will include Open Mic Night finals, a video game tournament and custom music shoots, among other things.

## ONE LAST 'ADRENALINE RUSH'

### UNIVERSITY BOARD HOSTS FINAL 'UP ALL NITE' OF SEMESTER AT 7TH STREET

By Doug Graham  
Staff Reporter

As the semester winds down, University Board will host its second Up All Night event of the semester.

The event, which has a theme of "Adrenaline Rush," begins at 7 p.m. today at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The event will feature several attractions, including a Weakest Link game show.

"The idea to do a game show came from the Residence Hall Association," said junior family and consumer sciences major Otis Seawood, the coordinator of the event.

**OXYGEN BAR:** The Oxygen Bar makes its Up All Night debut tonight. Its purpose is to be relaxing destination between all the adrenaline rushes.

"It is really cool, you sit down, plug your nose and breathe in oxygen from glass canisters," Seawood said.

**LASER TAG:** Held in the University Ballroom inside an enclosed inflated dome, the venue for tonight's laser tag might remind some of a non-bouncy moon bounce.

Juniors and seniors might recall Laser Tag being a part of Up All Night's of years past and might think they have an advantage on underclassmen, but the University Board has rented a new enclosure

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**FOR A LIST OF THE FIVE FINALISTS FOR OPEN MIC NIGHT, SEE PAGE 4B**  
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sure for tonight so Laser Tag veterans will have to rethink their winning strategy.

**VIDEO GAME TOURNAMENT:** Practically unchanged from the semester's previous Up All Night is the Video Game Tournament.

It was so popular at the "Ultimate Fun Overload" that University Board decided to keep the games

and prizes the same.

"Madden NFL 09" will be played on the Playstation 3, Activision's "Guitar Hero 3" will be played on the Xbox 360 and "Mario Kart Wii" will be played on, of course, the Nintendo Wii.

The winner of each tournament will walk home with the console they beat their opponent on.

**CUSTOM MUSIC VIDEO SHOOT:** Using the popular party system known as "Popnoggins," you can put yourself in your favorite music video and take it home with you on DVD tonight.

"You and your friends sit on a bench and have your body from the neck down hidden by a green sheet. Then they film your head

and put it into a music video," Seawood said.

For a video sampling of what Popnoggins is so you can be ready for tonight go to [www.popnoggins.com](http://www.popnoggins.com).

**EXTREME BACKGROUNDS X-GAME GREEN SCREEN:** Keeping with the green screen technology at this event you are able to pose in your favorite extreme sports position in front of a green screen and have that image worked in with a background.

The coolest part is being able to keep that image with you in the form of a poster printed for you right there on location.

See Page 4B



## PLENTY OF TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN SPRING

With the semester coming to a close, it would be easy to look back and think about what a great few months it has been.

The resurgence of live music in Charleston and the opening of Doudna have given us all fun and exciting things to do.

But instead of looking back and being sad that its over, now is the time get excited for next semester.

In January, I will assume the role of Assistant Verge Editor, and you can trust the Verge will continue to keep you informed on the coolest things to do in the area.

The arts and entertainment world has a lot to look forward to in 2009.

In March, Conan O'Brien will take over for Jay Leno as host of "The Tonight Show," making the show funny once again.

O'Brien's late night replacement is the less-than-hilarious, but still personable, Jimmy Fallon. This itself is nothing to be excited about. It's the house band that will have people talking.



**SARAH RUHOFF**  
STAFF REPORTER

The Roots, a highly regarded, experimental hip-hop group, are poised to outshine Fallon and, hopefully, draw in viewers to the nightly program that Fallon would never be able to reach.

With one of the most exciting groups in recent history taking up residence and the funniest man in late night since Johnny Carson taking a prominent new role, late-night TV is about to get interesting.

There are some exciting albums to be released early in 2009 as well.

Among them is what has already been referred to as a

"rock opera" by the highly literary indie-rock band the Decemberists.

The album, called "Hazards of Love," will feature Lavender Diamond's Becky Stark and My Brightest Diamond's Shara Worden.

The band has already announced plans to tour and play the album in its entirety. I hope they will bring Worden and Stark out on the road with them. If they do, it is guaranteed to be one of the most theatrical and completely rocking tours of the year.

Worden has toured with the Decemberists in the past with her backing band as My Brightest Diamond, one of the most excitingly original and talented acts bubbling beneath the surface lately.

These, among many other things, are set to make next semester even more exciting than this one.

I hope you continue to read the Verge and check out our online content next year!

### MORE ONLINE:

- "Hootenanny" gives WEIU a surprise hit
- A review of Ramez's new CD, Wake Up and Dream

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## TARBLE HOSTS WATERCOLOR EXHIBIT

### 17TH ANNUAL COMPETITIVE ART EXHIBIT AT TARBLE SUNDAY

By Neil Schneider  
Staff Reporter

When Jeff Little was a boy, he enjoyed walking in the acres of woods behind his grandmother's house.

Many years later, these woods located outside of Charleston serve as a major influence to many of his artistic pieces.

"I can just remember walking through the woods and being in awe of the beauty of my surroundings and knowing that I wanted to create pictures of what I saw," Little said.

Little will receive an award Sunday during a reception celebrating the 17th biennial Drawing/Watercolor: Illinois competitive exhibit at Tarble Arts Center. His work, "Spring Creek Morning," and the works of Eastern students and members of the surrounding communities will be on display from Saturday through Feb. 22.

Little has been submitting his art in exhibits at Tarble since the mid-1980s.

"I feel very fortunate to be winning an award," Little said. "Unfortunately, I don't believe I will be able to attend the award ceremony."

He said the piece, "Spring Creek Morning," is a good example of showing the i

#### ..... WANNA GO?

**Who:** Jeff Little

**What:** A show featuring the art of Jeff Little, Eastern students and community members

**When:** 2:30 p.m. on Sunday

**Where:** Tarble Arts Center

**How much:** Free

portance of the horizon line.

"I typically start with the horizon line and go from there, it gives me a sense of where everything will go," Little said. "For 'Spring Creek Morning,' I tried to capture a dark creek with a hazy morning glow and from there, I shaded."

The drawing/watercolor exhibit will feature art forms of mainly water-based painting media, drawing media, collage or any combination of the three.

The drawing and watercolor exhibit doubles as a competition for the artists displaying their works. The competition is for all citizens of Illinois with the first place prize (Best-Of-Show award) being valued at \$2,000.

Along with the cash prize, the winner will have their piece of art displayed in the permanent collection of the Tarble Arts Center.

Award winners will be announced at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday at a reception in Tarble Arts Center.

Little, a graphic designer for State Farm Insurance agency, began his artistic career at the age of 10.

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Jeff Little, artist

Little said he usually concentrates on landscape and figurative drawing that normally focuses on the horizon line of the artistic piece.

Little, 46, is a graduate of Parkland University and said that his time at the university helped him understand the art of painting.

Little lives in Tuscola and said he knew that he always wanted to be an artist.

He said that at an early age, he would sit in libraries for hours looking at art books, without reading who painted the pieces.

"At a young age, I didn't understand what was going on," he said. "So, I sat home at night and just opened my mind to take everything in about the photographs."

Little mainly focuses his artistic works on Illinois landscapes.

He said his artistic pieces are sometimes spontaneous and others are planned out.

"The figure pieces are the ones that can sometimes take years," Little said.

As a boy, Little had been interested in the woodland landscapes and birds in Illinois.

These two themes are main focuses of Little's works.

Little praised the efforts that Michael Watts had put forth to bring the show together.

Watts is the director of Tarble Arts Center.

"Michael and his staff have gone to great lengths to make sure the show is done right," Little said. "The students really get to see world-class artwork and without certain individual's efforts, it would not be possible."

Little explained that there are benefits to these exhibits that are not only for the artist, but for the viewer and the community as well.

"I can remember when I first started going to art exhibits. I was amazed to see all the types of art. With all the different types of art it opened my eyes up to the endless possibilities that come with being an artist," said Little. "These exhibits typically bring a lot of people with different tastes, so it is always good to get different views."

## 'DO-IT-YOURSELF' BAND COMES TO UPTOWNER

### WOODB GANG TO PLAY 'TRASHCAN AMERICANA'

By Brad York  
Staff Reporter

The smell of manure fills the air as time passes in the winter evening on the Deneal hog farm in Makanda.

Hugh Deneal is too busy practicing with his band to notice the chilled air and the rising stench that perks the nostrils of most.

When the Woodbox Gang started, the Deneal hog farm was the only place to practice the music that the band lives by now.

Deneal, lead vocalist and acoustic guitarist, and his band have come far from the smelly confines of the farm life.

"Playing at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., made me see how far we have come," said Deneal. "You look back, see where you came from and then look at where you are now, and it's overwhelming. My family was skeptical, then I played at the Kennedy Center and they realized we weren't just kids in a ga-

rage anymore."

The Woodbox Gang will perform at 8 p.m. today at Mac's Uptowner, 623 Monroe Ave.

The John F. Kennedy Center of the Performing Arts is a monumental location for any artist to perform.

The building was opened in 1971 and seats more than 2,000 people. The building stands as the first federal government-funded building built for the performing arts.

The Woodbox Gang has developed a unique sound without departing from the original roots of American music.

"Our music can be described as trashcan Americana," said Alex Kirt, multi-instrumentalist and vocalist of the band. "It has every kind of American roots music with a little Irish roots and other roots influences."

The genre of Woodbox Gang was originally developed by Kirt, but it has its own meaning for each member.

"We played with washboards and other household type instruments and other junk and the outcome sounded good," said Deneal. "It has a do-it-yourself feel. Plus, it just rolls off your tongue."

The Woodbox Gang started off innocent and fun-loving, like



PHOTO COURTESY OF WOODBOX GANG

The Woodbox Gang will be performing at 8 p.m. tonight at Mac's Uptowner, 623 Monroe Ave. in the Charleston square.

many bands do. Deneal started the band by practicing with his brother and eventually took their music to local coffee shops.

It took the men a while to realize what they had in their music.

"We didn't take it serious at first. It is hard to start the snowball and make it build. Especially when it is hot outside," Deneal said.

The band mates have different

influences in their music and it comes through in every song they play.

"I grew up with my mom listening to The Beach Boys and John Denver, and my dad would listen to Led Zeppelin, The Who, various bluegrass and blues bands," Kirt said.

The singer-songwriters of the past have influenced the band, but Deneal said that without Bob

#### ..... WANNA GO?

**Who:** Woodbox Gang with Mark Tyler

**What:** A benefit concert for Habitat for Humanity

**When:** 8 p.m. tonight

**Where:** Mac's Uptowner

**How much:** \$5

Dylan, the Woodbox Gang may have never begun.

"I remember watching 'Don't Look Back' and Bob Dylan became my biggest influence," said Deneal. "My dad taught me my first guitar chords, and from then on I played Dylan-esque."

Woodbox is a band that holds the roots of music on a pedestal for all to hear the development and influences that music has had on their lives.

"To me music is my outlet for expression," said Kirt. "If I wasn't playing music I would go completely crazy and probably kill somebody. It works as a stress reliever. I'm definitely not in it for the money."



# Finals feast gives finals fuel

By Sarah Jean Bresnahan  
Development Director

As a nice gesture to kick off finals week, Panther Dining will have their end-of-the-semester Finals Feast at 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Sunday in the Tower West and Taylor dining halls, respectively.

"It's just a little food and fun for everyone as they study or get ready to go home or prepare for graduation," said Jody Horn, director of university dining.

Horn said that the food served at Taylor will be 'comfort food,' such as mac-n-cheese, barbeque on mini buns, a mashed potato bar and a pudding bar. They will also have the popular "Make Your

**"(I) CARE ABOUT HOW THE STUDENTS ARE DOING. IT'S ANOTHER CHANCE TO MEET STUDENTS AND FIND OUT HOW STUDYING IS GOING."**

Eastern President Bill Perry

Own Trail Mix" table, where students are provided with brown paper bags and an assortment of pretzels, granola, and other trail mix items.

The Tower West dining hall's menu will feature several small plates including shrimp, cheeses, crudites and empanadas.

"We usually have between 750

to 1,000 students who go to Taylor," Horn said. "Usually 175 to 200 go to the special RO meal at Tower."

The theme for Taylor's feast is "Home for the Holidays," and the hall will have winter holiday decorations.

President Bill Perry will be in attendance at the feasts to wish

students luck on their finals.

"It's a great tradition," Perry said.

This will be Perry's third time attending the feasts since he began to in Fall 2007.

Perry said that the feast provides nourishment to fuel the "fire" students need to do well on their finals.

"(I) care about how the students are doing," said Perry. "It's another chance to meet students and find out how studying is going."

For the Taylor dining meal, students will have to swipe their Panther card in order to enter the dining hall, but it will not take a meal away from their plan.

"It is the last meal offered on Sunday so if a swipe is taken, it won't hurt because there are no later options that the student would need a swipe for," said Horn.

If students do not have a meal plan, they can pay with Dining Dollars for \$4.50 or cash for \$6.50.

## FROM 1B

**HERC RELAXATION ZONE:** In the Alumni Lounge students will be able to have much needed information about how to relax during finals week given to them by faculty from the Health Resource Center. To help students who need relaxation fast, massage chairs will be provided for all who desire them.

**"GOTTA GO TOILET RACING":** Another new ad-

dition tonight will be Toilet Racing. Students sit on toilets that have been modified to run like go-karts. It will be interesting to see if males or females have an advantage when it comes to being able to control a toilet seat through a racing course. The event will be set up in the Grand Ballroom.

**SHOWING OF "BURN AFTER READING":** The University Board Movies committee has selected the 2008 Coen Brothers' film "Burn After Reading," an adrenaline packed movie that should

nicely complement the theme of Up All Night. The movie stars George Clooney, Frances McDormand and Brad Pitt and will begin at 9 p.m. in the Charleston/Mattoon room. Popcorn will be available.

**OPEN MIC NIGHT FINALS:** Also at tonight's event, the semester's open mike finals

"Two weeks ago there was a contest to determine tonight's five contestants. The past Open Mic nights have had around 20 contestants each night but we wanted to make that number smaller so

we could have bigger prizes," said Lauren Phillips, University Board's main stage coordinator.

The contestants will be ranked by a panel of judges.

First prize is a \$200 gift certificate to ticketmaster.com, second and third place will get gift certificates of \$75 and \$50, respectively, to Positively 4<sup>th</sup> Street Records and fourth place will get a \$25 gift certificate to Jimmy John's and fifth place will get a \$10 certificate to Starbucks. Open Mic Night will begin at 8 p.m. at 7th Street Underground.

## Open mike finalists

- Junior Michael Myke, 20  
Common/Lupe Fiasco style
- Senior A.J. Schubert, 21  
Jason Mraz/John Mayer style
- Senior Scott Chaplinski, 23  
Folk covers
- Sophomore Bob Gacki, 20  
Electric guitar
- Junior D.J. Phonetics - rapper with spoken word

Source: University Board

# around town

## this weekend

## the week ahead in charleston and the region

### FRIDAY

**Movie: "Burn After Reading"**  
Brad Pitt and George Clooney star in a dark comedy about a pair of athletic trainers in over their heads, trying to blackmail the CIA.  
**Time:** 7 and 9 p.m.  
**Place:** Buzzard Auditorium-  
**Cost:** Free  
815-543-2052

**Theatre: Mrs. Bob Cratchit's Wild Xmas Binge**  
The second weekend of Charleston Alley Theatre's performance of Christopher Durang's holiday tale.  
**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Place:** Charleston Alley Theatre, 718 Monroe Ave.  
**Cost:** \$8 students and seniors; \$10 general admission  
217-345-2287

**Up All Night: Adrenaline Rush**  
Events include a 'Relaxation Zone,' 'The Weakest Link,' Laser Tag, and a video game tourna-

ment featuring Mario Kart Wii, Guitar Hero 3 and Madden '09.  
**Open Mic finals.**  
**Time:** 8 p.m.  
**Place:** Martin Luther King Jr. University Union  
**Cost:** Free  
217-581-5117

**Music: The Woodbox Gang w/ Mark Tyler**  
**Time:** 9:30 p.m.  
**Place:** Mac's Uptowner  
**Cost:** \$5

### SATURDAY

**Movie: "Burn After Reading"**  
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**Music: Jaik Willis w/Sean Shiel**  
**Time:** 9:30 p.m.  
**Place:** Mac's Uptowner  
**Cost:** \$3

### SUNDAY

**17th Biennial Drawing/Watercolor: Illinois Award reception**  
A ceremony as part of the competitive exhibit. Winners will be announced at the reception.  
**Time:** 2 p.m.  
**Place:** Tarble Arts Center  
**Cost:** Free  
217-581-2787

**Music: Mark Tyler and Friends**  
**Time:** 9:30 p.m.  
**Place:** Mac's Uptowner  
**Cost:** Free

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**Finals Feast**  
A once-a-semester free meal to prepare students for finals  
**Time:** 2 p.m.  
**Place:** Tarble Arts Center  
**Cost:** Free  
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### MONDAY

**Theatre: Mrs. Bob Cratchit's Wild Xmas Binge**  
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**ONGOING EVENTS**  
**Central and South American pre-Colombian art exhibit**  
Tarble will host a gallery showcasing ceramic art, with selections from area museums  
**Dates:** through Sunday  
**Place:** Tarble Arts Center  
**Cost:** Free  
217-581-2787

**17th Biennial Drawing/Watercolor: Illinois show**  
Artists from throughout the state in watercolor, pastels, pencil and other drawing and water-based painting media.  
**Dates:** Saturday through Feb. 22  
**Place:** Tarble Arts Center  
**Cost:** Free  
217-581-2787

**Recent acquisitions exhibition at Tarble**  
Mid-20th century Illinois paintings by Paul T. Sargent and Sophia Davis Talbot, works on paper by Carl Wilen and from the 16th Drawing/Watercolor: Illinois Biennial Exhibition, and Illinois folk paintings and quilts.  
**Dates:** Through Jan. 18  
**Place:** Tarble Arts Center  
**Cost:** Free  
217-581-2787



CAMPUS | EVENT

# Concert kicks off holiday season

Eastern Concert Choir performs on Thursday

By BRAD YORK  
Staff Reporter

The heavenly melody strummed as the calm, chilled patrons filled the Wesley United Methodist Church Thursday night awaiting the famous King's College performance of "Nine Lessons and Carols."

The performance is meant to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, and was made famous by the King's College of Cambridge.

The concert was not just musical praise, but it also featured prayers and texts between the musical rejoices.

"The prayers help us deal with the harsh realities of war and poverty," said Rev. Cindy Jones, pastor of the church and reader of the prayers. "It is my joy to be the pastor of this church. This was a telling of what Christmas is about. This was the telling of Christmas through stained-glass windows and songs before there was text."

Among the songs played was "O Magnum Mysterium" by Morten Lauridsen. The song featured the entire Eastern Concert Choir sing-

ing the melody.

"This is the concert that makes me want to start the season," Richard Rossi, conductor for the choirs and ensembles said. "The concert is before finals week and brings a sense of calmness with it. This is one of my favorite performances. It sort of calms me down at one of the most hectic points of the year."

The concert began with the sopranos of the Eastern Concert Choir, which sung "Once in Royal David's City."

"A big procession is part of the tradition of 'Nine Lessons and Carols,'" Rossi said. "The readings and the prayers are consistent in all the performances, but the music varies each time. It is difficult to choose what songs to play. I try to take in the texts and follow the structure of King's College."

This performance seems to be a favorite of all the performers and sets the mood for the holidays.

"This is one of my favorite concerts of the season," Maureen Murchie, violinist and music professor said. "It has smaller ensembles and makes it a little more intimate for the sacred setting."

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Junior vocal performance major Emily Miller sings Christmas carols with Eastern Concert Choir at Wesley United Methodist Church in Charleston on Thursday.

STATE | WORK FORCE

# Laid-off Chicago workers hope to inspire others

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — They've taken their sleeping bags and pillows back home and hauled away their protest placards after ending a nearly weeklong sit-in at a Chicago factory that came to symbolize the plight of laid-off labor.

But a day after dozens of protesting workers walked out of the Republic Windows & Doors plant with their demands met, they said they hope their triumph will inspire others nationwide to take similar stands against employers if need be.

"Sometimes people are scared to say something to big companies," said Ricardo Caceres, who spent his first night in his own bed after sleeping on a flatbed truck in the plant during the six day sit-in. "But we stood up — opened everyone's eyes."

That should include the eyes of factory executives, some business leaders said Thursday.

"I'd be the first to say to companies that what you saw with workers at Republic will be repeated over and over across the country," said Jerry Roper, president of the Chi-

cagoland Chamber of Commerce. "We haven't seen this since the '30s."

About 200 of the 240 laid-off workers occupied the doors and windows manufacturer last week, demanding severance and accrued vacation pay after Republic gave them just three days notice before closing the plant down.

Jubilant workers cheered and chanted "Yes We Can" outside the factory late Wednesday night after they voted to approve a \$1.75 million agreement that put an end to their protest.

"This has inspired a lot of people," Leah Fried, an organizer for the United Electrical Workers, which represents the Republic workers, said Thursday.

She said the union is looking to harness the goodwill springing from the sit-in, which even drew supportive words from President-elect Barack Obama. She said that could include networking with unions in the United States and abroad.

Caceres said he has already fielded calls from workers at other Chicago factories asking how the Republic workers took on their

employer so successfully. The key, he told them: "You've got to stick together."

The deal ending the sit-in came after tough, closely watched negotiations between the union, company owners and creditors, who came under heavy pressure from politicians to meet workers' demands.

The company's main creditor, Bank of America, was criticized for cutting off funds to the plant after it exhausted its credit line even though the Charlotte, N.C.-based bank itself received \$25 billion from a government financial bailout.



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# Men

FROM PAGE 12

On Wednesday, in an 80-76 loss to Evansville, the Panthers surrendered 31 points to senior guard Jason Holsinger.

Miller said Holsinger got going early and hit some tough shots to get him going. Miller said the first 3-pointer Holsinger made was a mistake by the Panthers, while the sec-

ond came on a shot in transition.

Martin said the Panthers need to work on defense if they want to beat the Leathernecks.

"We need to start stopping players, stopping teams," Martin said. "The last couple of games we have given up 80-plus points. We're scoring and shooting the ball good, we're just not stopping teams."

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## PANTHER BRIEFS

# Peters earns honor

Eastern men's soccer senior forward Brad Peters was named to the National Soccer Coaches Association of American/Adidas All-Midwest Region Third Team following the third consecutive double-figure goal effort of his career.

Peters was a Second Team All-Region honoree following both the 2006 and 2007 seasons.

He became the third player in Eastern program history to earn All-Region honors for three seasons. Gerardo Pagnani (1970-72) and Garry Laidlaw (1987-89) were the other two players to earn the honor.

Peters led the Missouri Valley Conference in both goals (10) and

points scored (26).

It was the third year in a row he led the league in both of those statistical categories. His 33 career goals and 84 career points also make him the MVC's active leader in both categories.

The NSCAA Midwest Region is comprised of teams from Conference-USA, the Summit League and the MVC. Creighton and Drake, the MVC's two NCAA Tournament qualifiers this season, led all conferences in the Midwest Region with four honorees each.

Compiled by Sports Editor Scott Richey. He can be reached at 581-7944 or at srrichey@eiu.edu.

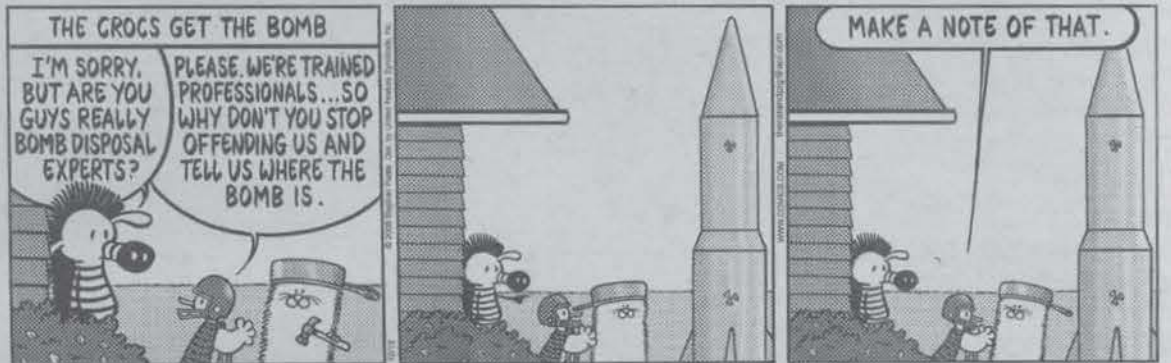
## GAME 9: EASTERN VS WESTERN ILLINOIS

**When:** 7 p.m. Saturday  
**Where:** Charleston  
**Location:** Lantz Arena (5,300)  
**Series History:** Eastern leads 11-7  
**Last Meeting:** Evansville won 63-55 last season  
**Eastern (2-6)**  
**Head Coach:** Mike Miller (25-69 in fourth season)  
**Western Illinois (4-5)**  
**Head Coach:** Jim Molinari (4-5 in first season)

Eastern Probable Starters			Western Illinois Probable Starters		
Pos.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Name	Yr.
C	O. Cisse	Jr.	F	J. Granstra	So.
F	B. Parrish	Sr.	G	T. Tommie	Fr.
G	T. Marion	Jr.	G	D. Nurse	Jr.
G	R. Martin	Jr.	G	J. Rivers	Sr.
G	T. Laser	So.	G	D. DuBois	Sr.

Key Reserves			Key Reserves		
Pos.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Name	Yr.
F	E. Suljic	Jr.	G	C. Clark	R-Fr.
G	D. Wright Jr.	Jr.	G	Q. Kirby	Jr.

## PEARLS BEFORE SWINE | BY STEPHAN PASTIS



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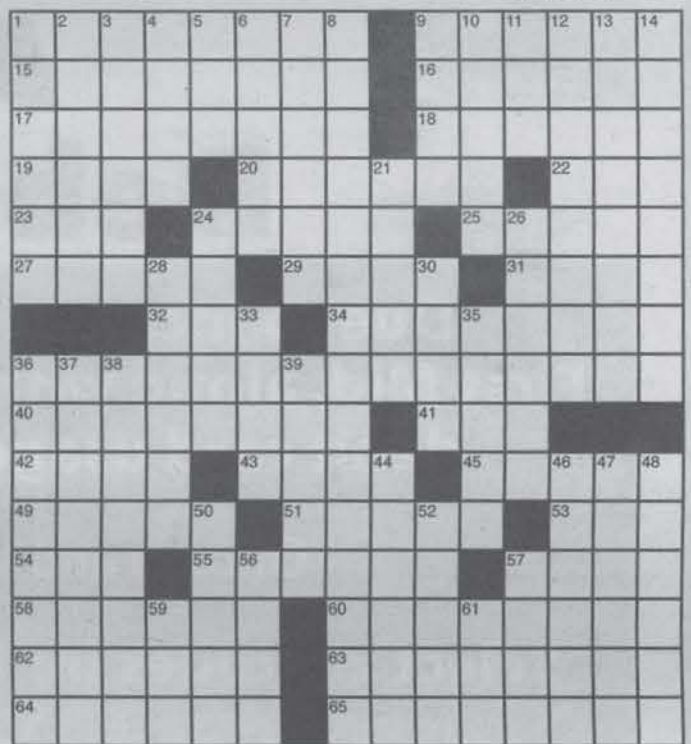


## The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

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- Big name in bikes
  - Happen (upon)
  - Medal of Honor recipient, say
  - Doctrine developer of 1823
  - Hotel waiters?
  - Be a catalyst for
  - Accessories whose colors may indicate rank
  - Flavoring in a Tom and Jerry
  - Put down on the street
  - Part of a philosophical dichotomy
  - Port on Osaka Bay
  - Temper, informally
  - "Contact" author, 1985
  - Research venue: Abbr.
  - About
  - Cabos, Mexico
  - Sits beside a fireplace, perhaps
  - Self-contained music equipment
  - Half a pair for pairs
  - Burns into film
  - Clammy
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- Former news gatherer
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  - Grass unit
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  - Cry from a litter
  - Untimely comment?
  - Anatomical part named after the Latin for "grape"
  - Go by
  - It's heard at a slumber party
  - In it together
  - "Spamalot" lyricist
  - Depilatory equipment
  - Like some watermelons
  - Retail chain popular with kids
  - Coffee source
  - Not yet full
  - Warren of the car rental business
  - Mo
  - Dryer maker
  - Drama in which male actors play both male and female parts



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- E-mail alternatives
- Almaviva serenades her in "The Barber of Seville"
- Big part of magazine income
- What PayPal facilitates
- "The Colbert Report" and such
- Irrupt
- Sounds ominously
- See 50-Down
- One who 48-Down
- Thing to soar to and from
- Some are covered by insurance, informally
- Snail variety
- Smaller fare, usually
- Like many doo-wop groups: Var.
- Where guards are stationed
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MEN'S &amp; WOMEN'S SWIMMING | SPOTLIGHT

# Panthers return to Florida for training

Annual trip gives chance for team to swim outdoors, long distances

By ARI HORING  
Staff Report

While most people will be relaxing during the Winter Break, in-season athletes such as the Eastern men's and women's swimming and diving teams will continue their rigorous training.

"Swimming is a sport that is based on training," senior Elliot McGill said. "After finals week, while everyone is just enjoying their break till New Years Eve, we have to continue to train and stay in shape while we're at home."

Eastern head coach Matt Bos said the training during break would be even more intense than usual.

"During the break, we continue to train just as we do when school is in session," Bos said. "Usually with just more intensity since the athletes don't have to worry about class, homework and other activities. This is the time of year that we will use to make our last big gains, as far as training, before we start cutting back our training in preparation for our conference championships."

After spending their first week of winter break at home, the men's and women's swimming and diving teams' break will be cut short, as they travel to Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., for the College Swim Forum.

The forum is run through the College Swim Coaches Association and



ROBBIE WROBLEWSKI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Freshman swimmer Alex Green practices her freestyle at practice Tuesday in the Ray Padovan Pool. The Panthers will travel to Florida during Winter Break to practice their swimming and diving at the Ft. Lauderdale Aquatic Complex. The forum is run by the College Swim Coaches Association.

is held at the Ft. Lauderdale Aquatic Complex, which is also home to the international swimming hall of fame.

Approximately 50 teams train and compete in Ft. Lauderdale during the break.

McGill said the College Swim Forum is essentially the Panthers' training camp.

"Florida is our training trip," McGill said. "It is our opportunity to swim outside in a warmer climate and to swim long course meters. We

swim around four to five hours a day, and it's very similar to the idea of a football team doing two-a-days except we do it in the middle of the season."

While in Florida, the Panthers will be competing in the East/West meet, which is an invitational consisting of individual and relay events in a long course 50-meter pool.

McGill said he is looking forward to the meet.

"It's a fun meet," he said. "We

compete against the teams in Ft. Lauderdale, and everyone gets to see where we're at in the middle of our training camp."

Bos said his team needs to be even more focused during break.

"We will be training and focusing on goals during practices throughout the break," Bos said. "This is a big test for the athletes, and I think a lot of them will be just as focused, if not more, than usual."

McGill said the Panthers should

only continue to improve during break.

"In the invite we just swam in Indianapolis, we made great improvements," McGill said. "We do have momentum now, and it should carry over into training camp. I expect more people to improve on what we have already improved on."

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» Women

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"From what I can see of IPFW, they can shoot the ball from a lot of different positions," Sallee said. "They shoot a lot of (3-pointers), and they're bigger in the post than what we've been used to. They've got some 6-foot-3 kids in there that are pretty good players, and their guard play is really good, so they're going to play hard."

Zuppe, who scores 12.3 points per game, leads the Mastodons, while sophomore guard Chelsey Jackson also scores in double-figures for IPFW at 10.6 points per game.

After Saturday's game, the Panthers hit the road for the next five games, starting on Dec. 19 when they travel to Terre Haute, Ind., to play at 4:45 p.m. against Indiana State.

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**GAME 11: EASTERN VS. INDIANA-PURDUE-FORT WAYNE**  
**When:** 3 p.m. Saturday  
**Where:** Charleston  
**Location:** Lantz Arena (5,300)  
**Series History:** Series tied 1-1  
**Last Meeting:** IPFW won 71-68 during the 2002-03 season.

**Eastern (7-3)**  
**Head Coach:** Brady Sallee (56-71 in fifth season)

**Probable Starters**

Pos.	Name	Yr.
F	R. Galligan	Sr.
F	L. Kluempers	Sr.
G	D. Sims	R-Jr.
G	E. Canale	Sr.
G	M. Edwards	Sr.

**Key Reserves**

Pos.	Name	Yr.
F	M. Kloak	Jr.
G	A. Thomas	Jr.

**IPFW (2-6)**  
**Head Coach:** Chris Paul (20-37 in third season)

**Probable Starters**

Pos.	Name	Yr.
F	E. Ivanova	Jr.
G	S. Haluska	So.
G	C. Reed	Jr.
G	J. Zuppe	So.
G	C. Jackson	So.

**Key Reserves**

Pos.	Name	Yr.
G	T. Moen	Sr.
G	N. Moore	Sr.

MEN'S & WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK | EARLY BIRD TOURNAMENT

# Indoor track to start season

## Eastern hosts Early Bird at Lantz Fieldhouse

By BOB SHAUGHNESSY  
Staff Reporter

The Eastern indoor track team will begin its season today as they start the EIU Early Bird Meet.

The meet will also include Indiana State, Western Illinois, Butler and Xavier.

The meet consisted of the four programs last year and this year Eastern will welcome Xavier to Lantz Field House.

Last season, the Panthers picked up wins against Butler and Western Illinois in both the men's and women's scoring. Indiana State was able to beat the Panthers in dual scoring for both the men and women.

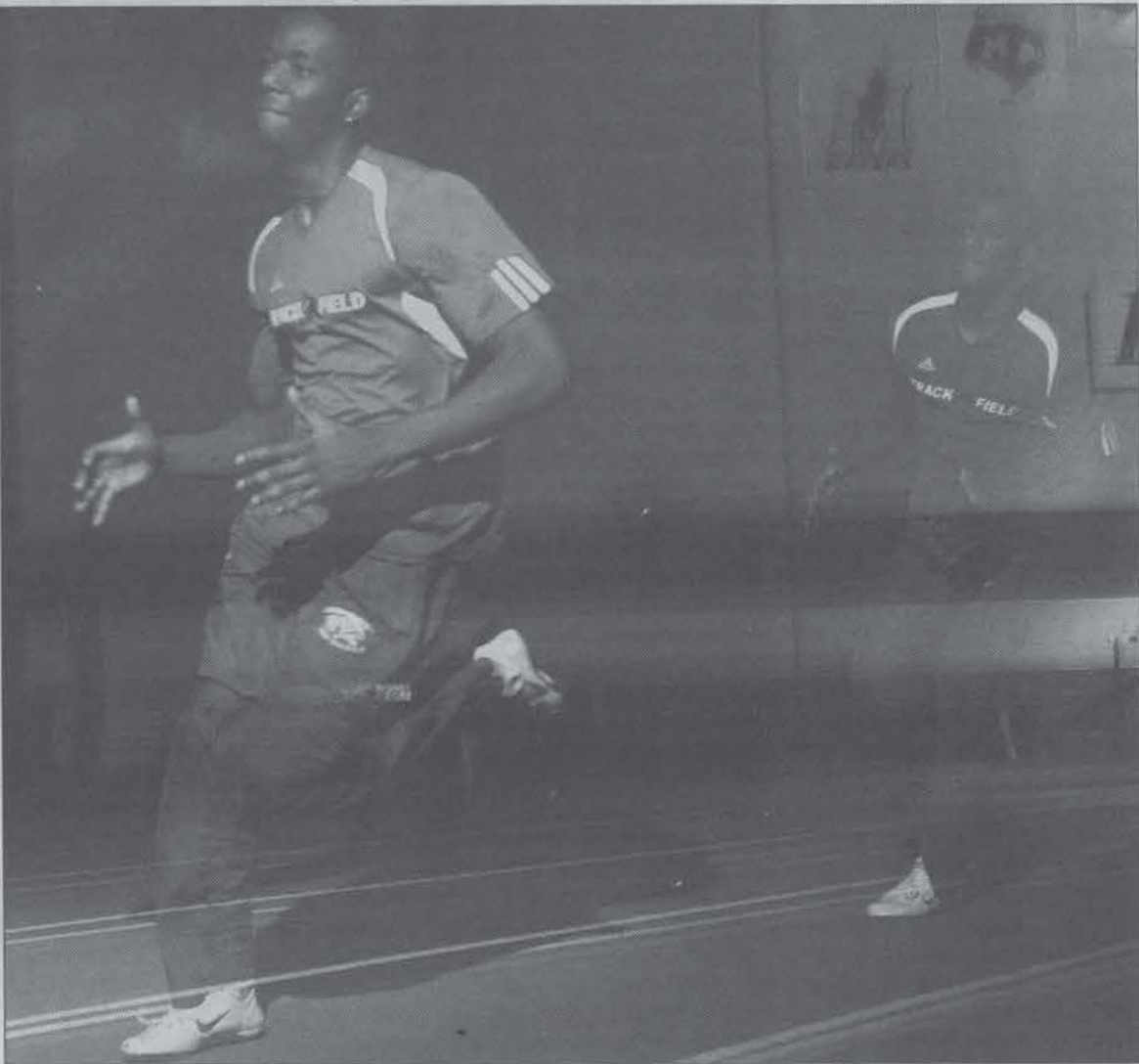
"Indiana State is a very comparable program to us, about the same size school," said Eastern head coach Tom Akers. "Their coaches have a lot of the same philosophies as we have. They are a very broad based program, solid across the board. They are always a great measuring stick for us."

The event that Eastern succeeded in last year was the distance medley.

The event should be even stronger for the Panthers this year as they have added former Jacksonville State runner Ryan McKay to go along with seniors David Holm and Clint Coffey and junior Wes Sheldon.

McKay brings great energy and also brings some senior leadership to a team that is primarily a young group.

"We were second in conference last year and that's not where we strive to be," Akers said. "We use to be a real power in the (Ohio Valley Conference),



AMIR PRELLBERG | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

An Eastern indoor track runner rounds the track during practice. The men's and women's track team will open the season by hosting the Early Bird Meet against Indiana State at 4 p.m. in Lantz Fieldhouse.

and that's what we want to get back to. Our number one goal is the OVC title."

Contributing on the women's end will be senior sprinter Shawana Smith who took home top honors in the 200-meter dash in the Early Bird last season. Smith was followed by fellow senior Molly Clutter as the two took home first and second in the 200.

Clutter was a member of the conference championship 400-

meter relay team last season and also holds the ninth fastest relay time in Eastern history, while Smith ranks third in the Eastern record books for her 200 run time of 24.89 seconds.

The action will begin at 4 p.m. with the men's weight throw and the women's long jump.

Running events are scheduled to begin at 4:10 p.m. with the final running events of the day scheduled for 8:45 p.m.

"We have talent across the

track and in the field events it is going to be exciting to see what happens," Akers said. "I think we should have a lot of people show up, and I remind people that it's free."

After today's meet the Panthers will not have another until Jan. 24 when they will be back at the Lantz Fieldhouse for the EIU Mega Meet.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | SPOTLIGHT

# Holiday holds no break for Panthers

## Team only gets few days to see family

By COLLIN WHITCHURCH  
Staff Reporter

While most Eastern students spend their holiday breaks stuffing their faces and relaxing with family, the Eastern women's basketball team will be hard at work in their pursuit of a conference championship.

Starting on Dec. 20, Eastern's campus will be on Winter Break through Jan. 11.

However, the Panthers will get to spend a total of five of those days at home with their families because they play five road games during that period, including a game at Indiana State on Dec. 19, the last day of finals.

"It makes for us to hold a little bit of a grudge," senior guard Ellen Canale said jokingly. "Sometimes it's hard when everyone's at home with their families enjoying their Christmas break, sometimes it gets a little tough to wake up and know that we're practicing early in the morning."

The Panthers' Winter Break schedule begins on Dec. 19 with a game against Indiana State in

Terre Haute, Ind. Eastern also travels to Illinois State on Dec. 29 before conference matches against Jacksonville State (Jan. 3), Tennessee Tech (Jan. 5) and Southeast Missouri (Jan. 10).

But Canale stressed the fact the amount of time spent at school during break is part of the job description that goes along with being a Division I basketball player.

"We take it for what it's worth," she said. "We're here to do a job and this is what the job entails, so we kind of have to just take it and enjoy it."

Canale said during Thanksgiving Break the team didn't get to spend any time at home because the Panthers were competing in a tournament in Cincinnati the weekend immediately following the holiday.

But she said that most of the team's family was able to spend the weekend with them in the hotel.

Head coach Brady Sallee said while he worries about his team losing focus during its five-day hiatus, he is confident the team will come back from the break and work just as hard as before.

"You put it in their hands," Sallee said. "You hope that you've

got them committed and they bought in to what you're doing and they're not just going to go home, sit on the couch and eat sugar cookies for four or five days. All of them have access to a gym somewhere, somehow at home, and they've got to take advantage of it."

But while Sallee said he wants his team to stay focused and in shape, he stressed the importance of them spending as much time as possible with their family.

"They should take advantage of the break and enjoy their family and enjoy that time off and get refreshed a little bit," Sallee said. "But they have to remember that they have to come back, and they'll have a job to do."

Sallee said one thing that motivates his players is the practice he schedules for the day after Christmas.

He said those practices "go down in history" for being pretty tough, and that they're tough in order to get the team back in the swing of things after the break.

Junior forward Maggie Kloak said while it can sometimes be tough to be away from home while everyone is enjoying their break, she takes advantage of the few days she does get to spend

with her family.

"We get five days this year, so we've got to make the most of our time at home with our family," Kloak said. "(Most of the team) is pretty close with our families, so we all enjoy getting back home and spending time with them."

Kloak said having a twin sister makes it tough for her as well because, while her sister is home enjoying her break, she has to stay at school and prepare with her team.

According to Canale, spending time at school when the rest of the campus is gone makes it easier to focus on basketball because there aren't any distractions.

"I think it gives us a little more time to focus on us as a team and as individuals because we have a little bit more time, and we don't have the schoolwork or the paper's due and tests," Canale said. "We don't really have a social life because no one is on campus, so it's pretty much just about basketball. It gives us a lot of time to really work on our shot and make sure you're doing the right things."

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | EASTERN VS. INDIANA-PURDUE-FORT WAYNE

# Panthers focus on rebounding

Team to face pair of 6-foot-3 players Saturday at home

By COLLIN WHITCHURCH  
Staff Reporter

In Wednesday's victory against Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, the Eastern women's basketball team held a 47-38 rebounding against the Cougars, including 16 on the offensive end.

Still, Eastern head coach Brady Sallee was not pleased with his team's effort on the boards and made it a focal point in the team's preparation for Saturday's game against Indiana-Purdue-Fort Wayne at 3 p.m. at Lantz Arena.

"I think (Wednesday) we fell prey to knowing that we were probably a little bit bigger and a little bit more athletic and getting away with not boxing out while still doing the job on the boards," Sallee said. "So we came out (at practice) and tried to get back to the fundamentals of flat-out boxing out."

Senior guard Ellen Canale joked the team got to know an old friend at practice on Thursday.

"We definitely spent a good amount of time with our good friend 'the box out,'" Canale said. "That is one thing (Sallee) was not very happy with us about was our performance on the board, even with out-rebounding them. So we did a lot of boxing out

today."

The Panthers will have to be especially solid rebounding on Saturday, as they face a Mastodons team that features two post players who are 6-foot-3 in junior forwards Eva Ivanova and Laura Gerhardt.

While neither have been specifically strong on the glass this season (averaging 3.8 and 2.8 rebounds, respectively), the Panthers will still have to respect their size as they match up in height with Eastern senior forward Rachel Galligan and junior forward Maggie Kloak.

Likewise, IPFW 5-foot-7 sophomore guard Jordan Zuppe is solid on the glass, leading the team with 4.6 rebounds per game.

"We have to do the things that we're good at," said Kloak, who has 3.6 rebounds per game off the bench for the Panthers. "We pride ourselves on being a good defensive team and we pride ourselves on boxing out, so we know we can't have breakdowns like we did (Wednesday)."

The Mastodons enter the weekend with a 2-6 record, including a 20-point loss to Illinois, who the Panthers lost 49-45 to, and a 16-point loss to Miami (Ohio), who the Panthers defeated in their season opener.

Despite IPFW's record, Sallee said he expects the Mastodons to play a tough game and has been impressed with what he saw from them on tape.

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Junior guard Dominique Sims tries to find an open teammate during the game against Austin Peay on Dec. 6 in Lantz Arena.

MEN'S BASKETBALL | EASTERN VS. WESTERN ILLINOIS

# Leathernecks' motion offense a challenge

Team looking to stop two-game losing streak

By DAN CUSACK  
Assistant Sports Editor

The Eastern men's basketball team will see a familiar opponent when it takes the court at 7 p.m. Saturday at Lantz Arena.

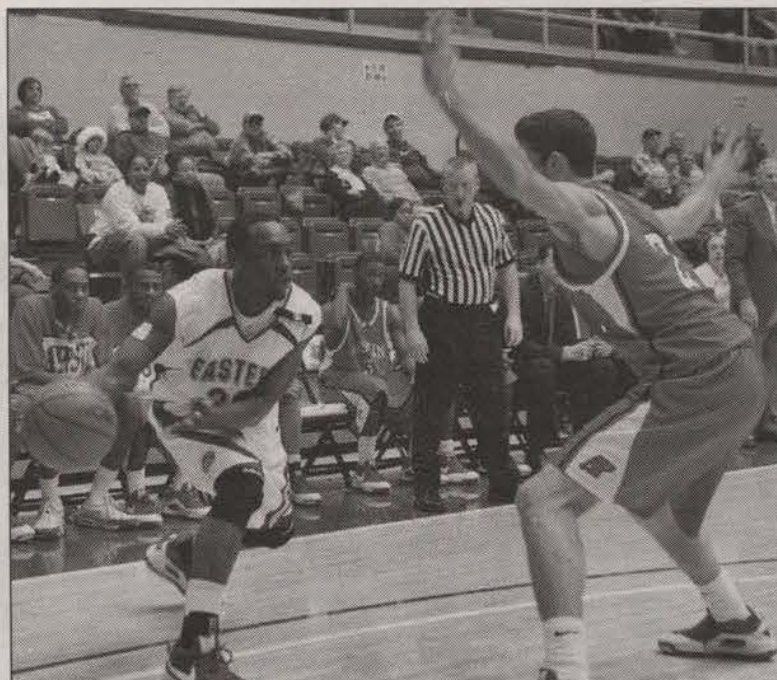
The Panthers will square off against Western Illinois for the 152nd in school history, as Eastern tries to end its two-game losing streak.

"It's a long-time rivalry," Eastern head coach Mike Miller said. "It goes way back. It used to be in the same conference and it was always a big game. We kept that series alive."

Miller said even though the Panthers have several new players — four freshmen and four transfers — many of Eastern's players are familiar with several of Western Illinois' players.

Junior guard T.J. Marion was teammates with Western Illinois senior guard Josh Rivers when they played together in junior college at Southeastern Illinois College.

Eastern junior guard Romain Martin said he knew a lot of the



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Junior guard T.J. Marion looks for an open pass Saturday against Austin Peay at Lantz Arena. The Panthers lost 83-71.

players and the coach during his freshman year as a Panther.

"When I came here my freshman year, it was a huge rivalry for me because I knew a couple of guys on the team," Martin said. "We play each other so often it has become kind of an in-state rivalry now."

The Leathernecks struggled

early in the season, dropping five of their first six games, but since then they have been on a roll winning their last three games including a 58-48 win against Indiana-Purdue-Indianapolis — a team Eastern lost to 67-60 on Nov. 25.

Western is lead by David DuBois who leads the team with

17.9 points per game and also leads the team with 5.7 rebounds per game.

David Nurse is the team's next top scorer averaging 9.3 points, and he also leads the team with 32 assists.

"They are playing well," Miller said. "They really spread the floor out. They are really playing off the dribble. They are a disciplined defensive team."

Martin said the Leathernecks like to use a lot of motion in their offense.

"We played them last season, and they are a driving team," Martin said. "They really like to drive, play off the bounce step."

Miller said the Leathernecks have put themselves in a position to win games and have proven it during their current win streak.

The Leathernecks have struggled on the road so far this season going 1-3.

For the past two games, the Panthers defense has allowed an opposing player to score more than 30 points.

In an 81-73 loss against Austin Peay on Saturday, Governors' senior forward Drake Reed scored a career-high 37 points.

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## TRIPLE THREAT



Jason Richardson

The Phoenix Suns essentially stole Jason Richardson (above) from the Charlotte Bobcats Wednesday in a five-player trade. Richardson, an athletic swingman, was scoring 18.7 points per game — or the majority of the Bobcats' points every time they play. Phoenix also got utility forward Jared Dudley and a draft pick, while giving up an aging Raja Bell, a lackluster Boris Diaw and rookie guard Sean Singletary. Looks like Bobcats' coach Larry Brown is out to kill another team. It's going to be tough for Charlotte fans to sell themselves on two bench players who will now have to play serious minutes.

Here are three other strange NBA trades this season.

**1. Three teams, lots of guards —** The Washington Wizards, Memphis Grizzlies and New Orleans Hornets worked a three-team deal that shipped several guards of questionable value across the country. The Wizards got Mike James (New Orleans) and Javaris Crittenton (Memphis). The Hornets got the Wizards' Antonio Daniels and a second-round pick from Memphis, while Memphis got a first-round pick back from Washington. Confusing? Yes. Will it make a difference to any of the teams? Maybe, unless you're Memphis.

**2. Salary dump (x2) —** The New York Knicks essentially gave up on this season — and next season — to become the first contender for "Who's Not Going to Get LeBron James in 2010." In two separate trades, the Knicks parted ways with their two leading scorers — Jamal Crawford and Zach Randolph — while bringing in Al Harrington (Golden State), Tim Thomas and Cuttino Mobley (Los Angeles Clippers). New York lost points, but saved money, as Crawford and Randolph were set to make \$27.5 million in 2010-11. Mobley just had to retire because of a chronic heart condition, so that makes the Knicks' trade even more valuable for this year.

**3. All-Star for All-Star —** The Chauncey Billups for Allen Iverson trade was only strange because the Detroit Pistons gave up Billups instead of one of their other stars. The Denver Nuggets, however, have made out like bandits by shipping Iverson to Detroit. Billups has provided them with a quality point guard to lead their offense. The Pistons haven't been as lucky. Detroit frequently plays Iverson alongside Rip Hamilton, who just happens to be another shooting guard. Teams like to play Iverson at the point, but that is most assuredly not his natural position. He is much better when playing off someone else and not kick-starting an offense.

— Scott Richey

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Saturday vs. Western Illinois |  
7 p.m. — Lantz Arena

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL  
Friday at Indiana State |  
4:45 p.m. — Terre Haute, Ind.

MEN'S BASKETBALL  
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7 p.m. — Lantz Arena